

Town Council Meeting: 09 January 2006



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Shawaker called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Present were Councilmembers Altar, Bennett, Soltan, and Weger, and Administrator Pratt. Councilmember Benjamin was away on vacation.

Approval of Agenda: Councilmember Weger **MOVED**
That the agenda be approved as distributed. Councilmember Soltan seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

Presentations by Citizens: There were none.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Shawaker reported on the meeting in Boyds, MD where MARC representatives discussed the closing of a number of stations. The Mayor asked about the status of the Garrett Park station and was told it averaged 33.5 passengers per day and that it would never be closed. A signed statement to that effect, signed by Ira Liberman of MTA, is attached to these minutes
- The Mayor also reported that the new Postmaster was proposing changed hours for the Post Office.
- Mayor Shawaker reported that Bethke Landscaping had agreed to an added leaf collection in January without charge – the contract is from October through December – in return for a two-year extension of the current contract at the same cost with an adjustment for fuel expenses.
- The Mayor appointed Councilmember Altar Acting Mayor in her absence, January 11th through January 19th.

Councilmember's Reports

- Councilmember Altar reported that despite a flurry of activity the Setback Advisory Committee was processing building permits smoothly.
- Councilmember Weger reported he was working with Brian Boyer of SHA on resolving the Strathmore/Knowles Avenue project punch list, and that the changes to the street lights requested by the Town to insure compliance with the approved design had been authorized.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the December meeting minutes was postponed.

Approved at the 03/13/06 Town Council Meeting

Action/Discussion:

- Junior Achievement Resolution – Laura Patterson and Jennifer Wood of Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area, Inc. made a presentation to the Council regarding a resolution in support of *Unlimited Futures*, a long-term partnership Junior Achievement had with the Montgomery County Schools. After discussion and questions the Council took the matter under advisement, asking that letters, requesting the support of the Garrett Park Town Council from local schools particularly the Garrett Park Elementary School, be provided.
- Adoption of Ordinance 2006-01: Revisions to the FY 2006 Budget – Mayor Shawaker noted that the ordinance had been introduced at the December meeting. Councilmember Bennett **MOVED**

That Ordinance 2006-01 be adopted. Councilmember Soltan seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

- Strathmore Avenue Retaining Walls Veneer Installation – Councilmember Wegner reported that he had received a quote from Quality Stone of \$25,000 to install real stone veneer onto the Strathmore Avenue retaining walls. Councilmember Weger told the Council he would like to precede with the project. He noted that there were issues involving warranty and installation that had yet to be resolved and has asked Quality Stone to do additional work which would incur added costs.

Councilmember Wegner **MOVED**

That he (Councilmember Wegner) be authorized to agree to a contract with Quality Stone for the retaining walls at a price which reflects the original bid and reasonable costs for the proposed changes.

Councilmember Soltan seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously

Town Administrator Report:

- Administrator asked if there were questions regarding the Monthly Financials. There were none.
- Administrator Pratt reminded the Council that he, the Mayor, and Councilmember Benjamin were developing the FY 2007 Budget and that Councilmembers should forward to the Town Office as soon as possible any suggestions or requests for items to be included in the either the operating or capital budget.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

[TOWN SEAL]

Edwin Pratt, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer